IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)) Kraton Polymers Research B.V.

Application No.) 10/538,939

Filing Date) June 14, 2005

Title) Block Copolymer Modified Bitumens, and Felts,

Coatings, Sealants and Roads Made Therefrom

Examiner) Peter A. Szekely

Art Unit) 1796

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 25, 2008, rejecting all the claims (Claims 1-30) of the above-referenced Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such action.

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